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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 12, 1855.

*The Ups and Downs of Life.*—On Sunday, the 1st inst., a woman, who was found wandering about the streets in a fit of mania-a-potu, was taken to the Ninth ward station-house. She was afterwards sent to the almshouse. This unfortunate creature was at one time the wife of one of the most distinguished citizens of New York, from whom she was subsequently divorced. Her friends have had her placed in the insane asylum since she was taken to the almshouse.

*Phil. Bulletin.*

telegraph cable to connect Cape Breton Island with Newfoundland is in course of shipment on board the Sarah L. Bryant, at the works of W. Kuper & Co., the manufacturers, at Greenwich, and in less than two months the line is expected to be in operation. The length of cable is 74 miles, weighing 400 tons, and it contains three conducting wires. Mr. Canning, an engineer in Kuper & Co.'s employ, and who was engaged in laying down the Mediterranean line from Spezia to Corsica and Sardinia, is to superintend the work.—*London Times*, 22d *ult.*

**Explosion of a Bag of Powder—Four Boys Blown up.**—While the United States artillery were firing the salute yesterday, a bag of powder, which was damaged, was thrown aside as unfit for use, and carelessly allowed to remain without any one in charge of it. Four small boys, the sons of Mr. Ross, Mr. Frear, and Mr. Keemon, seeing that it was not claimed by any one, and thinking it a great prize, conveyed it to the neighborhood of the residence of Mr. Ross on Thirteenth street, and, having obtained some matches, amused themselves by setting off portions of it. Suddenly the whole mass took fire and exploded with great violence, dangerously burning all the lads. One of them, son of Mr. Keemon, is since dead, and two of the others are in a very dangerous situation.

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